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SUBJECT: FUELING FOR R/V CHAIN

REF: STATE 21635; PRETORIA 468; CAPE TOWN 065

1. APPRECIATE MOBIL REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFER OF COOPERATION REPORTED STATE 21635. F. MCKAY, MARINE MANAGER FOR MOBIL S.A. HAS CONFIRMED MOBIL WILLINGNESS TO FUEL CHAIN AGAIN FROM SHARED INDUSTRY STOCKS (CONSORTIUM ARRANGEMENT) IF REQUESTED. HE SAID PROCEDURE WOULD ENTAIL ROUTINE REQUEST FROM MOBIL TO DEPT OF COMMERCE OFFICE HERE AND ANTICIPATED NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING APPROVAL. HE INDICATED THIS PROCEDURE NOW ROUTINE FOR BUNKERING SHIPS WITHOUT FUEL NOMINATIONS. ACCOUNT WOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH JOHN T. RENNIE AND SON, SHIP'S AGENT.

2. ECON OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED LOCAL ESSO OFFER WITH MCKAY, WHO ASSUMED MR. OTTO COLLD NOT GUARANTEE BUNKERING BUT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ADEQUATE INDUSTRIAL STOCKS AVAILABLE TO FUEL CHAIN WITHOUT NOMINATION. ACCORDING TO MCKAY THERE IS NO WAY TO GUARANTEE MARINE FUEL AVAILABILITY WITHOUT NEW YORK OR LONDON NOMINATION OTHER THAN BY RECOURSE TO INDUSTRY SHARED ARRANGEMENT UNDER GOVT APPROVAL. HE ADDED COMPANIES ARE UNWILLING TO PROVIDE NOMINATIONS ANY MORE IN ADVANCE THAN NECESSARY.

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3. MR. MCKAY'S ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING LOCAL ESSO OFFER ARE CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION OBTAINED EARLIER FROM MR. OTTOD (CAPE TOWN 65 AND PRETORIA 468). WE CONTINUE BELIEVE THAT IN ABSENCE ANY UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL ESSO REPRESENTATIVE CAN SUPPLY FUEL AS OFFERED. HOWEVER, IF FIRM GUARANTEE OF SUPPLY IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH MOBIL AND THROUGH MOBIL TO SAG.

4. DEPT FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DAVID STEWART) HAS CALLED CONGEN TO CONFIRM PORT MANAGER CAPE TOWN NOTIFIED OF APPROVAL FOR PRIORITY DOCKING ARRANGEMENT FEBRUARY 11-15 AND MARCH 13-22.

5. REQUEST DEPT NOTIFY EMBASSY AND CONGEN OF DR. EDWARD'S DECISION AND PERTINENT DETAILS OF INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO SHIP'S AGENT. GAMON

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